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TO: Deans, Heads of Education in Teacher Preparation  
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SUBJECT: Title 5 Regulations for Implementation of the  
Single Subject Waiver Policy in Accordance with  
AB 1682 (Chapter 539 of the Statutes of 1975)

Attached for your information are the Title 5 Regulations for Implementation of the Single Subject Waiver Policy in Accordance with AB 1682 (Chapter 539 of the Statutes of 1975) which have been adopted by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing and approved by the California State Board of Education.

Attachment

TITLE 5 REGULATIONS FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINGLE SUBJECT WAIVER POLICY  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 1682, CHAPTER 539, STATUTES OF 1975

(1) Amends Section 5950 to read as follows:

Section 5950. Waiver Policy; General Requirements. In accordance with the requirements of Sections 13157.1 and 13157.2 of the Education Code, the Commission shall evaluate a subject matter program submitted to it as adequate and appropriate for the purpose of waiving the respective subject matter examination, and shall grant such subject matter program waiver status upon fulfillment of the following requirements by the institution requesting such subject matter examination waiver:

- a. The subject matter program submitted to the Commission shall be earned by completion of a program of study within the major, which has been formally developed by the subject matter department from its regular offerings and those of other departments, as appropriate; and the subject matter program shall, in the judgment of the institution, provide the best preparation for teaching the subject in the public schools.
  1. In arriving at this judgment, the department shall secure the advice of a consultant group composed of classroom teachers of the subject in the local public schools K through 12. During such consultation, the frameworks issued by the State Department of Education (where existing and where appropriate) shall be given due consideration.
  2. A principal characteristic of the subject matter program thus developed shall be reasonable breadth of subject matter coverage within the relevant category.

(2) Amends Section 5950.1 to read as follows:

Section 5950.1. Subject Matter Categories with Distinct Disciplines. In the subject matter categories which include several distinct disciplines, such as life science, physical science, and social science, the institution shall require teacher candidates completing majors in one discipline within those categories to have studied in other disciplines within the category to the extent of at least half the study in the major discipline. Such study may be concentrated in one non-major discipline or distributed among the other non-major disciplines.

- a. In such categories as Industrial Arts and Agriculture, the major developed for teacher candidates within a particular discipline within the category will display breadth within the major discipline itself, but shall not be required to do so across the entire multi-disciplinary category.

- b. In the category English, the candidate shall demonstrate competence and reasonable breadth in the discipline of English, including literature, language, and composition (written and oral); and shall elect to demonstrate special competencies in one or more associated disciplines.

(3) Amends Section 5950.2 to read as follows:

Section 5950.2. Institutional Procedures and Standards.  
The responsible head of the institution, following regular review by procedures appropriate to the institution, shall report to the Commission the subject matter programs the institution has selected as qualifying for waivers; he shall certify that the procedures listed above have been followed in selecting and developing subject matter programs; and he shall explain to the Commission what academic standards were borne in mind, upon that campus, during the process of selecting such programs.

(4) Amends Section 5955 to read as follows:

Section 5955. Period of Validity of Waiver Subject Matter Program.  
Waiver status granted to subject matter programs shall be valid for a period of five years, after which the procedures outlined in Sections 5950-5950.2 shall be completed again and a new condition of waiver status may be issued to the institution by the Commission.

(5) Amends Section 5956 to read as follows:

Section 5956. Completion of Waiver Subject Matter Program; Subsequent Examination Not Required. Waivers of the subject matter examination, issued to teacher candidates, shall be effective during the life of the credential granted.

(6) Proposed new Section 5957 to read as follows:

Section 5957. Institutions shall be authorized to develop and implement a system for determining subject matter equivalency for courses and programs students may wish to transfer from another institution. The system may include but not be limited to the use of: (1) course descriptions; (2) competency rating sheets; (3) examinations (oral and written); and (4) recommendations from the other institutions.